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Item

**Minnesota River Valley Master Plan Update**

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Date

7/8/2015

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Description

A public open house was held on June 17, 2015 to solicit input on the first draft of the Minnesota River Valley Master Plan. Approximately 125 people attended the open house. City staff, Mayor Winstead, Representative Lenczewski and Fish & Wildlife Service staff were on hand to share information and address questions. The number one topic discussed at the open house was the Minnesota Valley State Trail project and the MnDNR's plans to provide both a paved trail and a natural surface trail in Bloomington. While the majority of attendees voiced opposition to the plans for a paved trail, there were also a number of paved trail advocates, including several people in wheelchairs.

Enclosed is a summary of the plan recommendations as well as the survey utilized to solicit input online and at the open house. The deadline for survey and public comments was June 30. Staff is currently compiling the comments and survey results, and we will consider this input as we begin preparing the final draft of the master plan. We anticipate bringing the implementation priorities of the master plan to the PARC, Planning Commission and City Council for review in September. Then a final draft of the master plan document will be prepared and brought back to Council in November for review/approval.

Information on the draft master plan is available on the City website at: <http://bloomingtonmn.gov/minnesota-river-valley-master-plan>

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Requested Action

No action required.

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Attachments: